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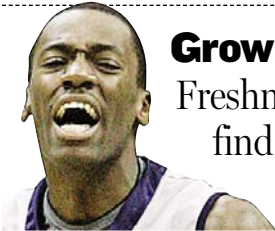
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Clinton Urges 'Smart Power'

Secretary of state nominee vows to revitalize U.S. diplomacy

WASHINGTON | Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that she intends to revitalize the mission of diplomacy in American foreign policy, calling for a "smart power" strategy in the Middle East and implicitly criticizing the Bush administration for having downgraded the role of arms control.

At a daylong confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, President-elect Barack Obama's choice for secretary of state sailed smoothly through an

array of non-contentious questions until two Republican committee members pressed her to take additional steps to ensure that former President Bill Clinton's global fundraising work does not pose even an appearance of conflict with her role as the chief U.S. diplomat. She balked, saying disclosure rules already in place were carefully crafted and adequate to avoid any conflict.

Clinton appeared headed for easy confirmation. She encountered no challenges



Clinton

to her basic vision for foreign policy.

Clinton, who will relinquish her seat in the Senate when confirmed, spoke confidently of Obama's intentions to renew American leadership in the world and to strengthen

U.S. diplomacy.

"America cannot solve the most pressing problems on our own, and the world cannot solve them without America," she said. (AP)

Hamas, Israel Agree to Talks in Cairo



UNDER FIRE: A building burns after an Israeli airstrike in Rafah, Gaza, on Tuesday. While its forces pushed deeper into the territory, Israel agreed to send a negotiator to Cairo for "decisive talks" on a cease-fire with Hamas. ♦ **Rising toll:** Gazans struggle to find space to bury victims of war | Page 6

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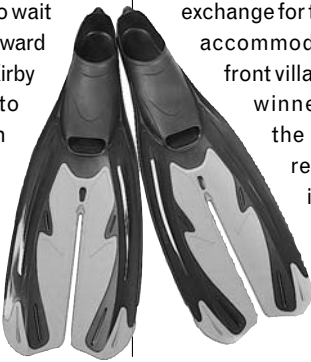
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Wherever Injustice Lurks, He'll Be There

A 26-year-old man and his father were arrested by an off-duty Muncie, Ind., police officer after the man cut in line at a Wal-Mart store. A police report said Edward R. Pluhar Jr. of Frankfort cut to the front of the line at the Wal-Mart service desk Sunday. What he didn't know was that Officer Chris Kirby was waiting in the line. Kirby said Pluhar refused when asked to wait his turn. Pluhar's father, Edward R. Pluhar Sr., then asked Kirby whether Kirby wanted to step outside. That's when Kirby told the men he was a police officer. Kirby followed the men into the parking lot, where they scuffled. Other officers arrived and arrested both Pluhars. (AP)



DREAM JOBS

Paid in Sand Dollars

Position: Island caretaker. Duties: Lazing around Australia's Great Barrier Reef for six months. Salary: 150,000 Australian dollars (\$100,000). Unemployed, take heart — the aforementioned job ad is for real. The tourism department in Australia's Queensland state on Tuesday said it was seeking one lucky person to spend half a year relaxing on Hamilton Island. In exchange for the plush salary, free accommodation in an ocean-front villa and airfare from the winner's home country, the "employee" will be required to stroll the island's beaches, snorkel, maybe take a dip in the pool — and post photos and videos weekly in a blog. (AP)



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FOOD

Gruel Intentions

Britain's Royal Society of Chemistry says it has perfected the recipe for *Oliver Twist*'s most famous meal — workhouse gruel. Members of the society consulted historical sources to re-create the porridge, which is made from water, oats, milk and an onion. They ladled out bowls brimming with the gruel in central London Tuesday. But the scientists are warning that requests for more — in homage to the famous line, "Please, sir, I want some more" — just won't be tolerated. (AP)

GREAT ESCAPES

Foul Road to Freedom

One of Italy's most-wanted Mafia fugitives eluded capture Monday by climbing through a trap door and into the sewer as

police closed in on his hideout in southern Italy. Police and divers who followed Giuseppe Setola into the labyrinthine sewage system haven't found him or the bodyguard who escaped with him, Carabinieri Lt. Domenico Forte said. He

added: "We were on the floor, and they were under the floor." Though sewer conditions are treacherous, Forte said he expected the pair to survive. "They are very resistant," he said. "They have stamina." (AP)

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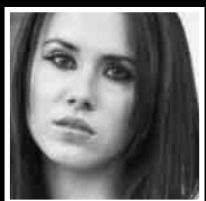
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HOLLYWOOD HOME: Transition officials on Tuesday said Barack and Michelle Obama have chosen interior designer Michael Smith to decorate the private quarters of the White House. Smith has designed the homes of Steven Spielberg, Dustin Hoffman and Michelle Pfeiffer.

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IG Report: Hires Were Politicized

Former justice official accused of punishing his liberal employees

WASHINGTON | A former top Justice Department official made false statements to Congress and violated



Schlozman

U.S. law in overseeing the agency's civil rights division, investigators say.

The accusations against Bradley Schlozman, former head of the civil rights division, are included in a report by the department's inspector general, Glenn Fine.

Tuesday's report is the latest of several inquiries that found senior Justice Department officials violated civil service laws under the tenure of former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

The report says Schlozman politicized and mistreated his staff and tried to punish agency employees he believed were too liberal. The report said Schlozman urged the hiring of "real Americans," as opposed to liberals, whom he referred to as "libs" and "pinkos."

Schlozman resigned from the Justice Department in 2007 and is now an attorney in Wichita, Kan.

DEVLIN BARRETT (AP)

Treasury Pick Failed to Pay Taxes

Dems say Geithner's 'honest mistake' won't stop his confirmation

WASHINGTON | President-elect Barack Obama's choice to run the Treasury Department disclosed Tuesday that he failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes from 2001 to 2004, a last-minute complication that Senate Democrats tried to brush aside as a minor bump on a smooth path to confirmation.

Timothy Geithner paid most of the past-due taxes days before Obama announced his choice in November, according to materials released by the Senate Finance Committee. He had paid the remainder of the taxes in 2006, after the IRS sent him a bill.



Geithner

The still-unpaid taxes were

discovered by Obama's transition team while investigating Geithner's background.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus said he still hoped Geithner could be confirmed on Inauguration Day.

"These errors were not intentional; they were honest mistakes," Baucus said after he and other committee members met with Geithner behind closed doors Tuesday.

Republican senators, who might be expected to raise the most sig-

nificant objections, did not immediately comment.

After senators met with Geithner, the panel released 30 pages of documents detailing his tax errors — and also how he came to employ a housekeeper whose legal immigrant work status had briefly lapsed in 2005.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid dismissed the events as "a few little hiccups," and said he was "not concerned at all" about the impact.

BRETT J. BLACKLEDGE (AP)

MINNEAPOLIS | ARCTIC BLAST CHILLS MIDWEST



DAVID JONES/AP

COLD STARE: Keith Golke sports a frozen beard while jogging around Lake Calhoun in Minnesota. An arctic blast descended on much of the Midwest Tuesday, causing temperatures to plummet, with record-breaking lows approaching minus 40 degrees seen in parts of North Dakota. Thermometers read in single digits as far south as Missouri.

Source: Former Gitmo Detainees Join Terror Fight

WASHINGTON | Terror suspects who were held but released from Guantanamo Bay are increasingly returning to the fight against the United States and its allies, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Sixty-one detainees released from the prison in Cuba are believed to have rejoined the fight, said Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell, citing data from December. About 520 Guantanamo detainees have been released from custody or have been transferred to prisons elsewhere in the world.

The new figures come as President-elect Barack Obama prepares to issue an executive order during his first week in office to close the controversial prison. (AP)

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Ind. Financier Flees Police

Man accused of fraud allegedly fakes death in plane crash in Fla.

HARPERSVILLE, ALA. | An investor who had entrusted money to an Indiana financial manager suspected of trying to fake his own death in a plane crash said Tuesday he had complained to regulators that the man was unfairly charging high fees and pocketing the money.

The complaints were yet another sign that Marcus Schrenker's life was crumbling around him in the weeks before he took off in his small plane and then apparently parachuted out over Alabama before leaving the plane on autopilot to crash in Florida.

The Indiana Department of Insurance had filed a complaint against Schrenker on behalf of seven investors last January that claimed he cost them more than \$250,000 because he never told them they would face high fees to switch annuities. Investors said he



Marcus Schrenker allegedly bailed out of this plane and let it crash in Florida.

cozied up to their families — then betrayed them.

A hearing in the case was scheduled for next week, when his license in Indiana could be revoked for life and he could face penalties. On Tuesday, prosecutors alleged Schrenker had been advising clients even though his license had expired on Dec. 31, and a judge

ordered him arrested on financial fraud charges.

Schrenker's disappearance has perplexed authorities in three states as they scramble to put together the pieces of what looks like an elaborate plan sketched out to escape financial doom. In the days before the crash, Schrenker's home and business had been searched by authorities probing his financial management businesses, his wife filed for divorce, his stepfather died, and a court in Maryland entered a half-million-dollar judgment against him.

The case took another cinematic turn Tuesday, when investigators said it looked like Schrenker had stashed a red motorcycle in an Alabama storage unit before the plane crash, and then retrieved it and fled.

"He could be anywhere at all. Within 10 hours, he could be in New Orleans, halfway to Houston, in Atlanta, anywhere," said Harpersville Police Chief David Latimer.

"I think he'd do anything to get away," Latimer said. (AP)

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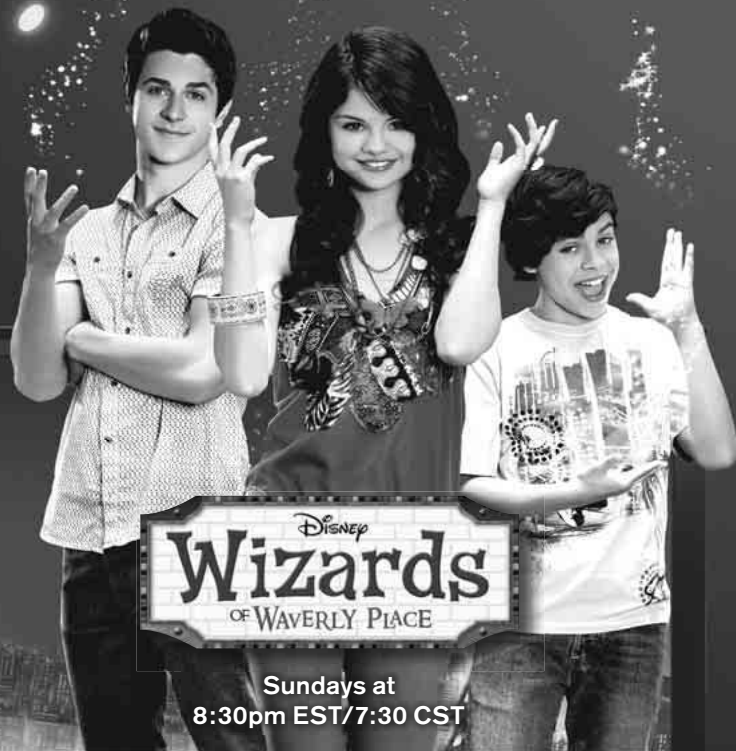
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The number, in millions, of Chinese Internet users, according to a government-sanctioned research group Tuesday. The figure is a 41.9 percent increase over last year's count of Internet users, though it represents just 22.6 percent of China's population.

Gazans Lack Space to Bury Dead

Israeli offensive forces Palestinians to reopen cemeteries, reuse plots

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | One family buried a slain son over his grandfather. Another bundled up the tiny bodies of three young cousins and lowered them into the grave of a long-dead aunt. A man was laid to rest with his brother.

More than two weeks into the Israeli offensive that has killed more than 940 Palestinians, Gazans are struggling to find places to bury their dead. Cemeteries throughout Gaza City that were closed for new burials have now reopened.

"Gaza is all a graveyard," gravedigger Salman Omar said Tuesday as he shoveled earth in Gaza City's Sheik Radwan cemetery.



A Palestinian family buries a relative in the grave of another family member in Gaza City on Tuesday. Israel's offensive in Gaza has led to a shortage of burial spaces.

Just six miles wide and 25 miles long, Gaza has always suffered from a shortage of burial space. But Gazans say Israel's offensive has

made it impossible for residents to reach Martyrs Cemetery — the only graveyard in the area with space to dig fresh graves.

The offensive is aimed at crushing the militant group Hamas. But Palestinian medical officials say roughly half the dead are civilians.

Among them are the Samouni cousins, 5-month-old Mohammed, 1-year-old Mutasim and 2-year-old Ahmed, whose family hurriedly dug up the grave of an aunt to lay them to rest last week.

"We buried them quickly," said Iyad Samouni, 26, at al-Awda hospital in Gaza City, where he was being treated for shrapnel wounds. "We were afraid we'd be shelled." (AP)

End seems distant

→ As Israel's offensive in Gaza stretched into its 18th day, diplomats made little progress in brokering a truce. | **Today's A Section**

IN The Washington Post



Ethiopian troops leave a farewell ceremony in Mogadishu, Somalia, Tuesday.

Ethiopian Troops Leave Somalia

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Ethiopia handed over security duties Tuesday to a Somali force, raising fears that the Horn of Africa country — already fighting an Islamic insurgency and rampant piracy — could collapse into chaos if extremists with alleged al-Qaeda links move to seize power.

The Ethiopian pullout after a two-year deployment was widely welcomed by Somalis who had viewed the troops as an occupying force, but the Ethiopians also have provided a measure of stability in a land plagued by extreme poverty and relentless warfare.

It was unclear when all the Ethiopians will have departed. They were pulling out in stages and gave no exact dates, for security reasons. (AP)

Physicians' Group: Corruption Is Killing Zimbabweans

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | An international physicians' group said Tuesday that corruption is killing Zimbabweans and President Robert Mugabe should be investigated by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity.

The U.S.-based Physicians for Human Rights told The Associated Press that the United Nations should take over Zimbabwe's health system, including its collapsed water supply, to halt the toll of unnecessary deaths from easily cured illnesses such as cholera.

The findings and recommendations of an investigative team that visited Zimbabwe in December were published in an emergency report called "Health in Ruins — A Man-made Disaster in Zimbabwe" on

Tuesday in South Africa and by former Irish President Mary Robinson at the United Nations, according to the organization's chief executive officer, A. Frank Donaghue.

The report adds to growing evidence that the Mugabe government "may well be guilty of crimes against humanity," Donaghue said. (AP)

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POOR TASTE: An Austrian theater says it will stage a satiric soap opera centered on Josef Fritzl, a man who allegedly held his daughter captive for 24 years and fathered her seven children. The 3raum-anatomietheater in Vienna says the show will be titled "Pension Fritzl" — German for "Fritzl's Bed and Breakfast."

Russia-Ukraine Deal Disappoints

Countries trade blame as gas crisis deprives millions of heat, light

MOSCOW | Hopes that Russia would get natural gas flowing again to shivering Europeans vanished like a winter's breath Tuesday when Moscow turned on the taps and then alleged hours later that Ukraine was blocking the shipments.

Ukraine, in turn, blamed Russia in the weeklong dispute, saying the Kremlin had demanded the Europe-bound gas go by a laborious route that would require Ukraine to cut off supplies to its own people.

European Union monitors brought in to keep tabs on gas flows in both nations weren't saying who was at fault, but the EU was clearly angry at the crisis that has deprived



A man works at a gas pumping station in Pisarevka, Russia, Tuesday. Russia said it had resumed gas shipments to Europe and then alleged Ukraine was blocking it.

millions of heat, light and work.

"The European consumer cannot, shall not, be held hostage to what is clearly a bilateral situation," EU spokesman Johannes Leitenberger said.

Europe gets about 20 percent of its gas from Russia through pipelines that cross Ukraine. Russia stopped selling gas to Ukraine on Jan. 1 in a dispute over prices and debts, and then stopped sending any gas into its

CHILLY RECEPTION

The gas dispute has already taken a severe toll on several European nations:

- Bulgaria has lost all of its gas supplies and only has two days' worth of reserves.
- Slovakia, which has lost 97 percent of its gas supplies, said Tuesday it was ready to restart an aging Soviet nuclear power plant, despite EU objections. (AP)

vast pipeline system on Jan. 7.

Underscoring the political tensions behind the dispute, Gazprom Deputy Chairman Alexander Medvedev accused the United States of encouraging Ukraine's defiance. "It looks like they are dancing to music that is orchestrated not in Ukraine," he said. VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)

Iran: 2 Men Are Stoned to Death

TEHRAN, IRAN | Two men convicted of adultery were stoned to death in northeastern Iran last month but a third convicted man managed to escape, Iran's judiciary spokesman said Tuesday.

Ali Reza Jamshidi said the stoning took place in the city of Mashhad in December.

Under Iran's Islamic law, adultery is punishable by stoning. International human rights groups have long criticized stoning in Iran as a cruel form of punishment.

Jamshidi did not describe how the stonings were carried out. But typically under Islamic law, a man is buried up to his waist, while a woman is buried up to her neck. Those carrying out the verdict then throw stones until the person dies. If the person escapes, he or she remains free under Islamic law. (AP)



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Spayd is first woman to hold the title in the newspaper's history

The Washington Post named two managing editors Tuesday, one of them the first woman to hold that title in the paper's history, in an effort to speed the merger of the company's print and online newsrooms.

Elizabeth Spayd, who has been a top editor on both sides of the Potomac River that separates the two newsrooms, will be responsible for the hard-news sections of the newspaper, located on The Post's fifth floor.

Raju Narisetti, a former deputy



Narisetti

Spayd

managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, will oversee the fourth floor, which includes Style and other feature sections.

Spayd, 50, said it feels "pretty cool" to break the gender barrier and that she hopes to increase The Post's appeal to female readers.

Narisetti, 42, launched a national business newspaper in India in

2007. The Indian-American worked with Post Executive Editor Marcus Brauchli in several roles at the Wall Street Journal, the newspaper at which Brauchli was the top editor until leaving last spring.

"Liz knows the newsroom," Brauchli said. "She knows how to think about both the print and online sides of the house. She's well-respected and an accomplished journalist."

Narisetti, he said, "is quite a visionary in journalistic terms. He understands where the media is going. The combination of these two should prove very strong for The Post in the near term."

HOWARD KURTZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | DEMONSTRATORS SUPPORT GITMO CLOSURE



POINT TAKEN: Protesters line the sidewalk across the street from the Presidential Inaugural Committee offices downtown as President-elect Barack Obama's motorcade prepared to make the trip to Capitol Hill for a luncheon Tuesday.

State of Emergency Declared for D.C.

President Bush has declared a state of emergency for D.C. from Saturday through Jan. 20 because of the activities surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino announced Tuesday.

The move will allow the federal government to provide extra funding to District government agencies affected by planning, security and transportation needs for the inauguration.

Although many people are con-

cerned about getting to the inauguration because of massive closures of streets and bridges, there are still ways to attend, local officials said. But they warned that anyone hoping to come out should make a specific plan for how to arrive.

MARY BETH SHERIDAN AND DAVID NAKAMURA
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Money

RIP, Supermarket Banks

Citigroup's deal with Morgan Stanley may mark the end of an era

NEW YORK | The original financial supermarket is dead.

Citigroup signaled the end of a decade-long experiment to create one-stop shopping for financial services — everything from consumer loans to investment banking — with Tuesday's announcement that it was merging its Smith Barney brokerage into a joint venture with Morgan Stanley.

The deal, which will give Citigroup \$2.7 billion in badly needed cash as it gives up control of Smith Barney, comes as the company still struggles in the aftermath of the mortgage and credit crisis. There is speculation that CEO Vikram Pandit, who for months supported Citigroup as a "universal bank," will be taking further steps to simplify and streamline the company.

And many people on Wall Street think Citigroup could be headed for



Citigroup's headquarters is seen in New York. The bank's future is uncertain.

an even larger-scale dismantling if the federal government — which now has a stake in Citi, thanks to its recent bailout — has its way.

"I think within 12 months, Citigroup no longer exists," said William Smith at Smith Asset Management, who owns Citigroup shares.

He has been calling for a breakup of Citigroup for years.

Citigroup was the quintessential financial supermarket, cobbled together over decades by Sandy Weill — the former CEO who is both lauded for bringing Citigroup its biggest profits ever and criticized for creating an unsustainably massive, impossible-to-manage conglomerate.

The idea behind the supermarket is that the average person can do all his saving, borrowing and investing with one company. Citigroup had it all, the retail and business banking operations, the investment banking business, the brokerage, even Travelers insurance.

Whether that one company does it better than a number of specialized companies does, though, has been the big question facing shareholders since the deregulation of the banking industry in the 1990s. And Citi's announcement Tuesday further undermines the idea that one company can handle such diverse businesses at once. (AP)

Yahoo Names Tech Veteran as CEO

Carol Bartz selected to lead company out of its 3-year slump

SAN FRANCISCO | Yahoo Inc. named technology veteran Carol Bartz as its new chief executive Tuesday, bringing in a no-nonsense leader known for developing a clear focus — something that has eluded the struggling Internet company during a three-year slump.

The decision to lure Bartz,



Bartz

after potentially lucrative deals with Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc. both collapsed.

Bartz's appointment could set the stage for Microsoft to renew

60, away from software maker Autodesk Inc. ends Yahoo's two-month search to replace co-founder Jerry Yang, who surrendered the CEO reins

its efforts to buy Yahoo's Internet search operations as a way of mounting a more serious threat to Google, the market leader. Microsoft had been reluctant to deal with Yang because he rebuffed several previous overtures by the company, including a \$47.5 billion offer to purchase Yahoo in its entirety last May.

Microsoft subsequently withdrew that bid, valued at \$33 per share, and now Yahoo's stock price hovers around \$12. (AP)



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OUT PATTERN: Michael Crabtree, honored as the nation's top receiver each of his two seasons at Texas Tech, will be catching passes in the NFL next season. Crabtree, who is expected to be a top-10 draft pick, announced the move on Tuesday.

Sports

In Brief



Derek Lowe appears close to leaving the Dodgers for a \$60M deal with Atlanta.

BASEBALL

Braves, Lowe Strike Deal

The Atlanta Braves worked to bolster their rotation, reaching an agreement Tuesday on a \$60 million, four-year contract with Derek Lowe Tuesday on a \$60 million, four-year deal with Derek Lowe, according to a person familiar with the negotiations. The deal is subject to the pitching passing a physical, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been completed. (AP)

WIZARDS

Thomas Is the Latest Injury Victim With Torn Ligament

Washington Wizards center Etan Thomas has a torn ligament in his left knee, the latest setback for a last-place team already without Gilbert Arenas, Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson. The Wizards said Tuesday that Thomas will be sidelined indefinitely and will be re-evaluated in two weeks. He was injured in Monday night's 97-91 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BC Promotes Top Assistant Spaziani to Head Coach

Frank Spaziani is the new football coach at Boston College, promoted after spending 12 seasons as an assistant with the Eagles. Spaziani's appointment was announced Tuesday. Spaziani takes over for Jeff Jagodzinski, who was fired after he interviewed for the coaching job with the New York Jets. Athletic director Gene DeFilippo has said he wants a coach who will serve out the full length of his contract. (AP)



Greg Monroe throws down a dunk for Georgetown against Providence. He's been the Big East rookie of the week three times.

Hoyas Grow Up Quickly

Freshmen make their mark as Georgetown gears up for Syracuse

HOYAS HOOPS | With one senior and one starting junior, Georgetown always knew this season would hinge on how quickly its youngsters develop.

That onus on freshmen, in par-

ticular, has become greater of late as the Hoyas' most experienced player, Jessie Sapp, fights through a shooting slump, and junior DaJuan Summers has been plagued by foul trouble in two straight games.

And while Greg Monroe has been a standout since taking the floor for the Hoyas, fellow first-year players Jason Clark and Henry Sims are emerging as viable options for

coach John Thompson III.

The timing couldn't be better for No. 13 Georgetown (11-3, 2-2), which hosts No. 8 Syracuse (16-1, 4-0) on Wednesday as a brutal opening stretch in the Big East continues. The Orange is the Hoyas' fourth ranked opponent in five games.

"It comes with time," said Thompson, whose team on Satur-

day topped Providence, which was unranked but undefeated in league play before the game. "Slowly but surely, both Jason and Henry and Gregory are understanding and getting comfortable and able to come in and help us."

Monroe's impact has been immediate. This week, the 6-foot-10 center was named the Big East's rookie of the week for the third time this season. Monroe, who was the first Hoyas player to get 10 rebounds in a game last Monday at Notre Dame, is averaging 13.5 points per game and came within two assists of a triple-double in Saturday's 82-75 win.

Clark (10 points in 24 minutes) and Sims (five points in 14 minutes) may solve the Hoyas' depth problems. On Saturday, a lineup featuring the three freshmen, and sophomores Austin Freeman and Chris Wright — who missed most of his first season due to injuries — played a key role in snapping a two-game losing streak.

The confidence gained may be more important in the long term than the victory.

"We all kind of grew up," Wright told reporters. "Coach let us; he believed in us. The contributions from Henry and Jason are very important. I think it's going to help us big time down the road."

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

At Last, Terrapins Take a Road Trip

UMd. to visit Miami in its first game on an opponent's home court

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS | In three years at Maryland, junior guard Eric Hayes has familiarized himself with nearly all of the spots on the Comcast Center court.

Hayes prefers some — such as the wing area where he hit several crucial 3-pointers in Saturday's win over Georgia Tech — more than others. But merely the sense of comfort generated by repeated experience gives Hayes an edge over visiting

opponents.

Knowledge of those spots, Hayes said, is one of the many advantages of playing at home. Likewise, playing true road games — something the Terrapins have yet to do this season — becomes more difficult for the same reason. On Wednesday, Maryland (12-3, 1-0 ACC) will take on Miami (12-3, 1-1) in Coral Gables and become the final Division I team in the country to play on an opponent's home court.

"It's definitely kind of weird that you haven't played a road game in 14 games, so it's going to be different for some of the guys," Hayes said. "A



Eric Hayes takes a shot for Maryland in the Terrapins' home win last Saturday.

lot of us are used to playing on the road in the ACC, but the Michigan State game down in Orlando, they had pretty much all Michigan State fans, so that kind of felt like a road game, but it really wasn't."

Indeed, Maryland has played four neutral-site games this season, going 2-2 in such environments. But the atmosphere, players and coaches said, is simply not the same.

There are distinct differences between playing on the road and playing at a neutral site, Maryland Coach Gary Williams said. "But at the same time, it's the same thing. You put your team out there; they put their team out there, and you play."

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Sports



Evgeni Malkin and Alex Ovechkin clash earlier this year. They play on Wednesday.

Ovechkin, Malkin To Renew Rivalry

Best friends become bitter enemies — and neither will say why

CAPITALS | Alex Ovechkin and Evgeni Malkin are two of the world's best hockey players, fellow Russians who became millionaires by their early 20s, former Olympic team roommates and the NHL's top two scorers last season.

But the one-time friends have become cold-as-ice rivals, and their on-ice feud has grown increasingly nasty. Last season, the Penguins' Malkin ducked just in time to avoid a hard drive into the boards from the Capitals' Ovechkin. The ugliness has moved off the ice, too, with Ovechkin reportedly taking a swing at Malkin's agent in Moscow.

"Ovechkin is a great player, but

every time he hits me — I don't know why," Malkin said.

Ovechkin has defended his play by saying that he hits hard against every opponent. The pair face each other again Wednesday night.

Only three years ago, they roomed together at the Turin Olympics, and the two were often seen together off the ice. Then — boom.

Neither Ovechkin nor Malkin will say what went wrong. Two years ago, Russian hockey Web sites were filled with reports that Ovechkin took a swing at Malkin's agent in a Moscow nightclub.

Ovechkin denied the story, but Malkin said it happened, calling it a "bad situation." **ALAN ROBINSON (AP)**

Late game: The Capitals-Oilers game ended after Express' deadline Tuesday. Results | **Today's Post, Sports**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

HOYAS HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Georgetown faces its fourth top-15 team in five games when hosting Big East rival Syracuse.

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN) Whenever the Capitals play the Pittsburgh Penguins, it's a marquee game.

WIZARDS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN+) Can the Wizards make it six straight losses in a row when visiting the Knicks?

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS (9 P.M. ON MY20) Maryland looks to start 2-0 in the ACC when visiting Miami.

MORE MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Number 3 Duke visits GeorgiaTech in an ACC battle, and Texas A&M hosts No. 21 Baylor.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Kobe Bryant and the Lakers take on Tim Duncan and the Spurs.



CHANGE GAME: The minor league Brooklyn Cyclones, a Class A affiliate of the New York Mets, will change their name to the Baracklyn Cyclones for their game June 23 and give away Barack Obama bobblehead dolls to the first 2,500 fans in honor of the new president.

Sports

Long Road to the AFC Championship

There's been no rest for the Ravens as they ready for the Steelers

RAVENS | Reaching the AFC championship game as a sixth seed is impressive. Doing it after going 5-11 last season is stunning.

And winning 13 games with a rookie coach and a first-year quarterback is unprecedented.

If that isn't enough, throw in the fact that the Baltimore Ravens have played 17 straight weeks without blinking, and their accomplishments this season are

downright amazing.

Maybe even Super.

Coach John Harbaugh knew problems would pop up in his effort to turn the Ravens into a contender. Yet he never could have anticipated having a bye week wiped out by Hurricane Ike, leaving Baltimore the prospect of playing the final 15 weeks of the regular season consecutively.

As a wild-card team, the Ravens (13-5) didn't get the luxury of a week off before beginning the playoffs.

So, their game against Pittsburgh on Sunday will be their



WADE PAYNE/AP

One way or another, the Ravens will get a break after their game this Sunday.

18th in a row without a break — a stretch that hasn't been undertaken since the bye week was instituted in 1990.

"I think we like it this way. After we lost the bye week, we understood where we were going to be," wide receiver Derrick Mason said. "We understood what we had to do. We understood the obstacles that were going to be in front of us."

One way or another, the Ravens will finally get a week off after the

AFC championship.

Either they'll have a break before playing in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1, or they'll be done for the year.

It won't help to lament the fact that the Steelers had a bye on Oct. 12 and during the first week of the playoffs. Rather, the Ravens hope to ride the momentum created by an 11-2 run.

"I look at it as I have an opportunity, one opportunity, to get somewhere that I always dreamed about when I was a kid," linebacker Bart Scott said. "And that's playing in the Super Bowl."

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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Travel

Back in Business In the Big Easy

New Orleans eateries regain top ratings after Hurricane Katrina

DESTINATIONS | When Zagat issued its last ratings for New Orleans, Commander's Palace, the turquoise Garden District landmark known for its food and ambiance, was still being pieced back together after Hurricane Katrina wrecked it.

It took 13 months and a \$8.5 million renovation to restore the restaurant for business, and only one new issue of the Zagat Survey to put Commander's back on top. The guide, issued Jan. 7, lists Commander's as the most popular restaurant in New Orleans — a position it held for 17 straight years before the storm.

"I'm happy we're back," said Ti Martin, co-manager of Commander's. "But I'm also glad to see so many other New Orleans restaurants back. There are some darn good ones here and a lot of people who work very hard to make sure they stay that way."

Zagat surveyors found 97 percent of their favorite restaurants back in business. Almost 4,000 people participated in the survey, said Tim Zagat.

After Katrina struck on Aug. 29, 2005, restaurants coped with



Diners eat lunch in the Commander's Palace restaurant in New Orleans.

problems that ranged from flooding and decaying food to workers scattered across the country.

With economic hard times hitting the nation, Zagat expects more travelers to look for destinations in the United States. In New Orleans, they will find some of the country's top affordable dining spots, Tim Zagat said.

"This is still not only one of the best places to eat in the United States — it's one of the cheapest," he said.

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MARY FOSTER (AP)

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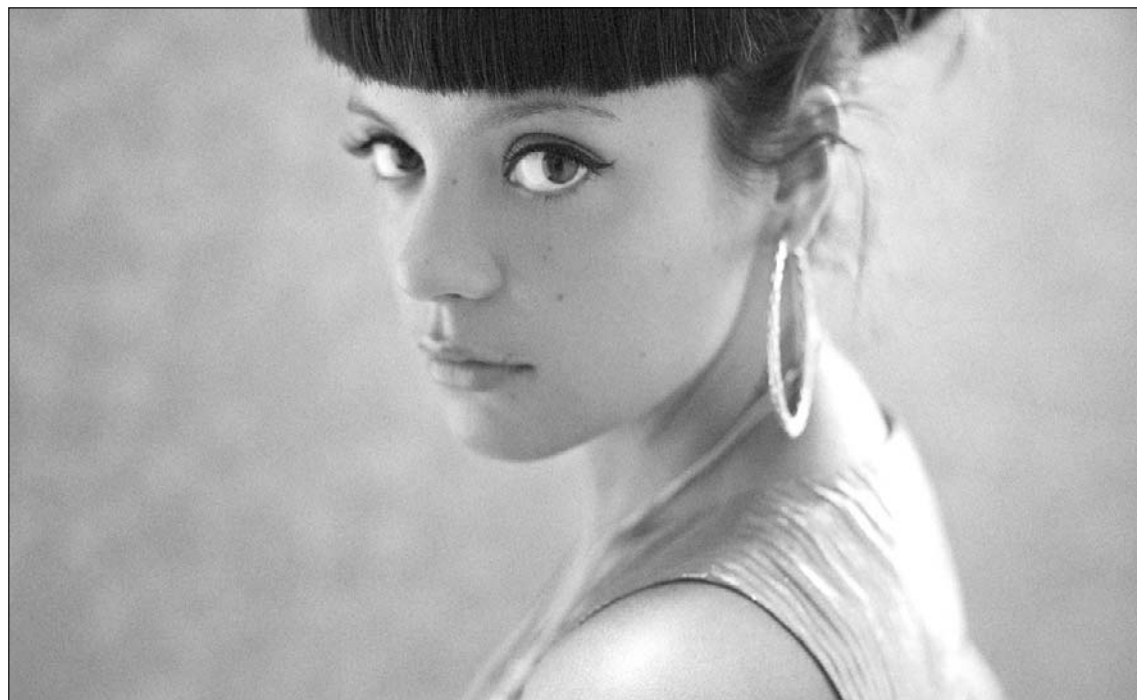
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Entertainment



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ESCAPE ARTIST: Despite heaps of attention, Allen didn't go down the Winehouse path. Her sophomore album arrives Feb. 9.

Out of the Fire

Celebrity hasn't had its way with evolving pop star Lily Allen

SURVIVOR | In the nearly two years since Lily Allen's last album, the singer has encountered change more often than Barack Obama's speechwriter. An interview with her used to consist of a pizza-and-beer encounter in her manager's office;

it's been replaced with a tete-a-tete over tea in her swanky new flat in a nice part of North London, one of the more obvious benefits of the worldwide stardom brought by her hit debut album, "Alright, Still."

And if that wasn't enough for the average 23-year-old British pop phenomenon to deal with, she's also had to cope with having every aspect of her life documented in lurid — and occasionally invasive

— detail by a U.K. tabloid press seemingly incapable of distinguishing between nightclub hijinks and personal distress. Both have wound up serving as entertainment over the nation's cornflakes.

Her music has also been revamped. "It's Not Me, It's You" will be released Feb. 9 in the United Kingdom and a day later in the United States. The album retains the playful spirit of her debut but,

musically and lyrically, relocates her from too-cool-for-school hipster pop to somewhere between the dance floor and the real world. It's still strong, uncontrived pop music. And it sounds stuffed with hits, starting with the lead track, "The Fear," set for a U.K. single release Jan. 26.

"I did a retro thing last time," Allen says. "And since I did that, a lot of other people did it, too. I wanted to separate myself from the group and move forward."

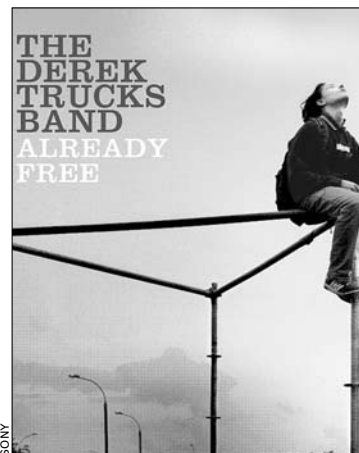
Indeed, the changes in Allen's life should really make interviewing her now about as straightforward as trying to interrogate Britney Spears using only Amy Winehouse as an interpreter. But somehow, the bright, sparky talent with the filthy laugh and the disarmingly relaxed manner seems to have survived.

In Britain, Allen's celebrity is now so out of whack with her status as a musician that she's been able to propel her brother (actor Alfie Allen) and his girlfriend (actress Jamie Winstone) to tabloid infamy by association. Her MySpace endorsement of Kate Nash was cited as a prime factor in breaking the singer-songwriter in Britain.

She's also found time to host her own chat show (BBC3's "Lily Allen and Friends"), start a fashion line (for retailer New Look) and get asked by London Mayor Boris Johnson to help sort out the capital's knife-crime epidemic.

"I'm still the same person," she says after a lengthy pause. "But life has certainly changed."

MARK SUTHERLAND (BILLBOARD)



Derek Trucks refuses to use his talent to its potential on a disappointing album.

Trucks Is Merely a Detour

The man once hailed as the next big thing fails on 'Already Free'

MUSIC | The latest album from young blues practitioner Derek Trucks, "Already Free," confirms his prowess, yet befuddles with its pedestrian approach. Trucks' unassuming delivery renders this release toothless.

Much of the blame here can be placed on soft songwriting and surprisingly sparse guitars solos from Trucks. Uptempo songs such as "Something To Make You Happy" lay the groundwork for Trucks to soar, yet he offers instead only a smattering of uncreative stabs and leads.

When the pace slows down, as on "Maybe This Time," Trucks smolders when he should have produced a raging fire of blues riffs. He's obviously capable yet refuses.

Trucks is revered among fretboard fans as the latest incarnation of Eric Clapton. Yet when the soulful Brit burst onto the scene, he brought life into his licks, whereas Trucks offers merely complacent proficiency.

The maddening search for the next true god of blues-rock guitar continues. The Derek Trucks detour reveals no shortcut. RON HARRIS (AP)

The Beauty of Blue-Collar Song

Otis Gibbs carries on a humble musical tradition with grace

MUSIC | Otis Gibbs is an old-school troubadour out of Wanamaker, Ind., who sounds only too happy to pick up the mantle of Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger in championing the working stiff and blue-collar America in song. On "Grandpa Walked a Picketline," due out Jan. 20, he sings of everyday folks, not

always the desperate or destitute, but the overlooked and underappreciated.

"Calling out tonight to anyone who's tired of being down," he writes in "To Anyone," echoing Guthrie's famous line about hating a song that makes you feel no good, or born to lose.

"Caroline" follows a woman much like the matriarch in Dolly Parton's "To Daddy," who leaves her family behind when she lights out in search of fulfillment after a lifetime



TODD FOX

Gibbs' "Grandpa Walked a Picketline" is as compassionate as it is pleasant.

of neglect. Gibbs gets impressively Dylanesque in "Preacher Steve," about a charlatan who uses religion to fleece his flock.

Gibbs brings his characters to life with a vocal growl that sounds just one pack of Camels shy of Tom Waits, and he's assisted ably by a team of roots-music veterans, including bassist Don Dixon.

There couldn't be a better time for a voice this insightfully compassionate. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Entertainment

LIFE LESSONS GALORE: Jay Chandrasekhar has signed on to direct "Opposites Attract." Written by Dan Ewen, "Opposites" is a body-switching comedy involving a young couple who must "walk a mile in each other's shoes" in order to make their relationship work.



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CONCERTS | If his inaugural celebrations are any indication, then President-elect Barack Obama is going to be one rockin' leader of the free world. Concerts celebrating the new presidency are planned over several days in Washington, D.C., with HBO and ABC pulling together the big ones and airing them live across the nation.

HBO kicks off the festivities Sunday at the Lincoln Memorial with an afternoon of music and readings featuring perform-

ers Beyonce, Mary J. Blige, Bono, Garth Brooks, Sheryl Crow, Josh Groban, Herbie Hancock, John Legend, Jennifer Nettles, John Mellencamp, Usher, Shakira, Bruce Springsteen, James Taylor, will.i.am and Stevie Wonder. Perhaps the biggest name of all, Obama himself, will start things off with a welcome to the crowd.

Among people reading historical passages will be Jamie Foxx, Martin Luther King III, Queen Latifah and Denzel Washington. The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson will give the invocation. The concert is free and open to the public.

Don Mischer, who is producing and directing the show, said he



Bruce Springsteen and Barack Obama will both take the stage at Sunday's show.

expects about 1 million people to attend the event in the anticipated 18-degree weather, watching the proceedings on Jumbotron screens.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, are expected to make an appearance at ABC's "Neighborhood Inaugural Ball" after Obama's swearing-in (at which Aretha Franklin and Yo-Yo Ma are expected to perform) on Jan. 20.

Disney also is jumping into the act with a Kids' Inaugural concert hosted by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden.

In addition, there are at least half a dozen other concerts — over three days — around town, making D.C. seem like the most elaborate Grammy venue on the planet.

For more information, visit the 2009 presidential inauguration Web site at Pic2009.org.

TINA DAUNT (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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It's Music to Rock By

The Sword makes metal that's sharp enough for Metallica

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MUSIC | When an impressed Lars Ulrich told the Sword that Metallica was going to take the band on tour, vocalist-guitarist J. D. Cronise didn't believe him. "We met him in San Francisco," Cronise recalled. "We didn't take him seriously."

But last year, Metallica's drummer made good on his word and took the Austin, Texas-based group on the road. "We played with them in Eastern Europe ... last July, and those shows were huge," Cronise said. "The show in Turkey, there were, like, 50,000 people or something."

That might intimidate an obscure stoner-metal band with just two albums — "Age of Win-



The Sword's fans have dubbed them purveyors of a rare breed of "hipster metal."

ters" (2006) and "Gods of Earth" (2008) — under its giant collective belt buckle, and whose super-heavy psychedelic sound is more reminis-

cent of Black Sabbath than anything related to Metallica's thrash-metal past. But Cronise and Co. took up the challenge with grace and

power chords, and Metallica has now brought the Sword on its U.S. stadium tour, too — which also allows the quartet to book club gigs on off nights. That means the Sword goes from playing potentially to 20,000 or so Metallica nuts one night to about 100 or so Sword fans the next. That's quite a venue-change headbang for the Sword, whose sludgy songs have been called "hipster metal."

"It's kind of funny that people once called us 'hipster metal,' because you wouldn't believe the nerds that show up to our shows," Cronise laughed. "It's anything but hipsters, but they're awesome and I love them."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel*, 1353 H St. NE; with *Year Long Disaster*, Wed., 8 p.m., \$15; 202-388-7625.

→ *Verizon Center*, 601 F St. NW; with *Metallica*, Thu., 6 p.m., sold out; 202-397-7328.com. (Gallery Place)

topstops



We'll Call It Theatre 101

With budgets stretched thin, Mike Daisey has been summoned to stand up

for all of those starving artists in the business. Last summer, Daisey performed "If You See Something, Say Something," a history of Homeland Security, at the Woolly. Now he's back with much more to say. Telling stories of his own thespian experiences and remarking on the current state of American theater, Daisey takes on this challenge in his creation of one of the most controversial and groundbreaking monologues of the century. This time around, in "How Theatre Failed America," he aims to revive the art of the theater while sitting behind a table. n.o.

→ *Woolly Mammoth Theatre*, 641 D St. NW; through Jan. 18, \$25; 202-393-3939. (Archives-Navy Memorial)



The Impossible Dream

Honor, chivalry, virtue, romance — sounds like a regular old fairy tale. But not for Don Quixote. Cervantes' story, filled with glamorous toreadors, colorful gypsies and giant windmills, has influenced the arts in countless ways. Want to witness this timeless tale? The Mariinsky Ballet will be performing "Don Quixote" at the Kennedy Center through Jan. 18. This production follows the famous man of La Mancha (whose imagination has run away with him) as he sets out with his faithful friend, Sancho Panza. n.o.

→ *Kennedy Center*, 2700 F St. NW; through Jan. 18, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$47-\$135; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



A History Of Chaos

Curious what the city's going to look like on Tuesday? The National Archives is breaking out footage of previous inaugurations in a series of afternoon programs that cover the first moments for presidents from Hoover to Clinton. Today's concentra-

tions are John F. Kennedy's 1961 ceremony and Eisenhower's 1953 inauguration. You can claim it's research for navigating the city come Tuesday, as if you'll be budging from your couch all day. f.z.

→ *National Archives*, William G. McGowan Theatre, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; noon, free; 866-272-6272.

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thescene



Patty Larkin plays her personalized style of folk at Wolf Trap on Thursday.

● THURSDAY

Mint Car: This is sweet, croony R&B, and by the end you'll be convinced that all men want is love and a shoulder to cry on. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$49.50; 703-549-7500.

'Accumulation': Ceramic art brings a desolate, alien beauty to this exhibit. Project 4, 1353 U St. NW, 3rd Floor; through Jan. 17, free; 202-232-4340. (U St.-Cardozo)

Patty Larkin: She's hardly the first to meld modern folk music and bluegrass, but she does it with style. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$22; 703-255-1900.

● FRIDAY

Jonathan Vassar and the Speckled

Bird: A Richmond group pays homage to the bad boys of country music. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free, 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Prince vs. Michael Jackson vs.

Madonna Dance Party: Everyone's favorite dance party/battle of giants. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9:30 p.m., \$12; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

'Am I Black Enough Yet?': A play can be about race in America and still be funny. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; through Feb. 8, \$25-\$28; 202-333-7009.

● SATURDAY

Adele: A British soul singer takes the stage. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7:30 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

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PREMATURE CROSSOVER: Michael Sarsyz, who is currently a contestant on the hit NBC show "Momma's Boys," is taking a bigger step toward his dream. He announced recently his aspirations to do what he enjoys most, DJing. He will tour in the spring.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

GROOL!

Tina Fey and Lindsay Lohan star in the 2004 comedy **MEAN GIRLS** (7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Family), a satire of teen pecking orders notable as the beginning of Fey's standing as a major comic voice and featuring Lohan pre-tabloid train wreck.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox) is back to dominating the ratings and the water-cooler conversations.

TALENT MEETS TALENT

SPECTACLE WITH ELVIS COSTELLO (9 p.m., Sundance) welcomes Rufus Wainwright.

THE BIG BANG

FULLY AUTOMATED AMERICA (10 p.m., Current TV) looks at the proliferation of guns in the United States.

MATURE CATFIGHT

Few dramas showcase as much acting talent as **DAMAGES** (10 p.m., FX). And tonight's episode sets up an eventual clash between Glenn Close's



Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright visits Elvis Costello on "Spectacle."

Machiavellian lawyer, Patti Hewes, and corporate attorney Claire Maddox, portrayed by the always-rewarding Marcia Gay Harden.

PINNED DOWN

Mickey Rourke appears on **JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE** (12:05 a.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

The Art of Forced Laughter

On PBS, comedians reveal that they won't take no for an answer

GIGGLES | The funniest people don't take no for an answer — at least, they don't without a fight for their audience's yuks. Their policy has never been "invite 'em to laugh." It's "make 'em."

This never-say-die zeal (and the laughter that results) is the unifying spirit of "Make 'Em Laugh: The Funny Business of America," PBS' six-hour, century-spanning showcase of the nation's leading laugh-getters.

Hosted by Billy Crystal and narrated by Amy Sedaris, the series blends history with performance and taps the expertise of more than 90 comedians, writers, producers



Billy Crystal hosts a six-part exploration of how comedians get chuckles.

and comic scholars.

Rather than travel a chronological path, "Make 'Em Laugh" makes hay with six broad genres

of comedy.

Kicking off at 8 p.m. Wednesday, the series asks, "Would Ya Hit a Guy With Glasses?" as it celebrates comedy's towering nerds, jerks and oddballs. Examples range from Phyllis Diller and Steve Martin to the goofball heroes of Judd Apatow comedies.

On Jan. 21, the series takes a tumble for physical comedy and slapstick.

On Jan. 28, "Wiseguys" include Groucho Marx, Larry David and Chris Rock. After that, the series concludes with "Sock It to Me?: Satire and Parody," including lampooners such as Johnny Carson, Mel Brooks and the zanies of "SNL."

In sum, there is a lot to learn from "Make 'Em Laugh," even while its funny business is making you laugh. FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

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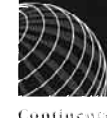
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Innovation

Lightweight laptops lure consumers with affordable prices

Last year, so-called “netbooks” — computers that often cost less than \$400, with small screens and keyboards that made them look Lilliputian next to laptops that seemed perfectly portable just months earlier — crept into stores.

These little computers introduced consumers to the idea that extreme portability could be combined with a low price, as long as they were willing to use the computer for getting on the Internet and not much more. Netbooks won't include a DVD drive, the fastest microprocessor or enough storage space to house endless amounts of photos and videos.

This year, because of the dismal economy and laptop buyers' increasing comfort with these miniature computers, more netbooks are headed to store shelves. Some net-

over so it can be used as a tablet-style PC. Asus expects the Touch to be available in March for \$499 and plans to release a version with a 10-inch screen.

That size and price aren't far from that of a regular laptop. A Dell Inspiron 1525 with a 15-inch screen and more powerful processor starts at \$479 through the Round Rock, Texas-based company's Web site.

Jackie Hsu, AsusTek's president of the Americas, said his company sold 5 million Eee PCs worldwide in 2008. He expects the market to grow this year because there are more product choices.

Indeed, larger computer makers such as Dell Inc., MSI Computer,



LIGHT AS A FEATHER: Dell Inc.'s Michael Tatelman holds up the new the company's 10-inch Inspiron Mini 10 netbook.

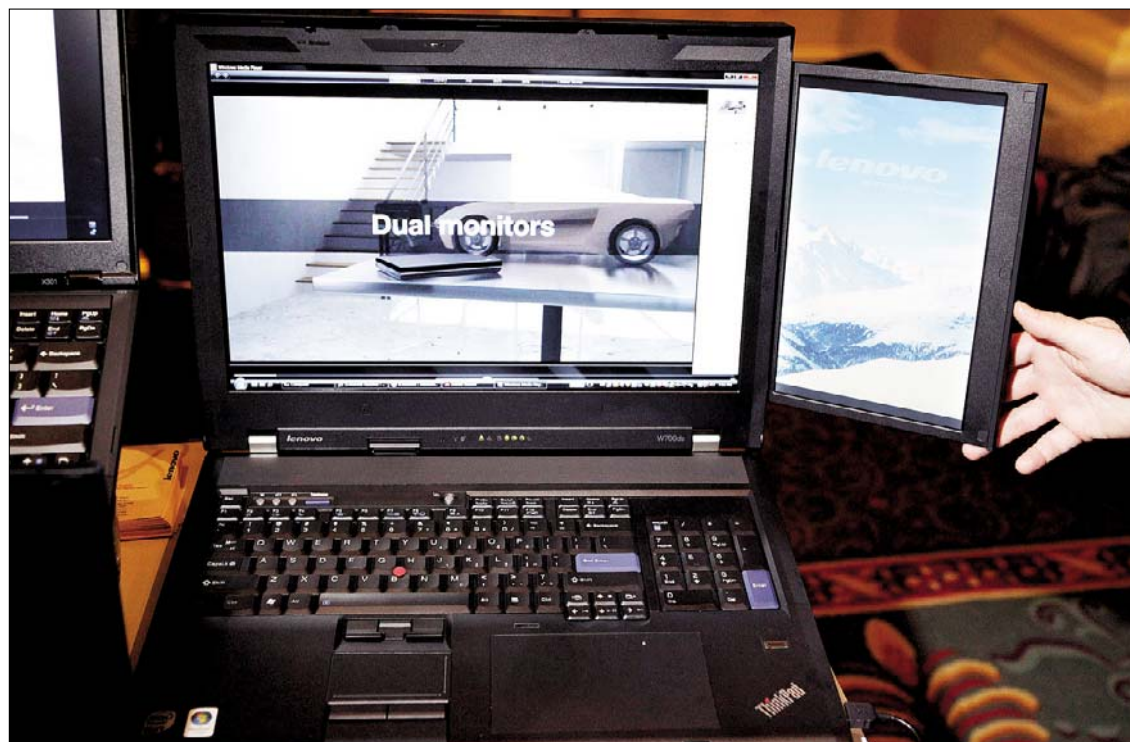
Tiny Technology

Some versions of netbooks will include touch screens or metal cases.

For the first time, consumers don't have to sacrifice portability for affordability.

books will keep their lower-than-a-cheap-PC price, but others will cost what bigger laptops do and will include features such as touch screens and metal casings as companies look to keep the category's momentum going.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show last week, Taiwan-based AsusTek Computer Inc. — which launched its \$269-to-\$699 Eee PC netbooks in 2007 — introduced a new one called the Eee PC Touch. It sports a nearly 9-inch touch screen that swivels or folds



SEEING DOUBLE: A man admires Lenovo's W700ds dual-screen laptop computer at the 2009 Consumer Electronics Show.

Lenovo Group Ltd., Acer Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. are betting on netbooks, too. Several of them introduced upcoming models at CES.

Palo Alto, Calif.-based HP, the world's No. 1 computer maker, showed an addition to its Mini netbook line, the Mini 2140, which is expected to be available in January for \$499. Unlike the company's \$329 Mini 1000, the 2140 includes features such as an aluminum case, keyboards coated to resist wear and an accelerometer that can tell when the device is dropped and will instruct the hard drive to shut down.

Dell, the second-largest computer maker, unveiled a new netbook, too, and is hoping to drive sales of an earlier model by temporarily cutting its price and offering other incentives.

Retailers have high hopes for netbooks in 2009, too, if Amazon.com Inc. is any indication. Between Black Friday and Christmas, eight of the top 10 best-selling laptops on the site were netbooks, said Amazon's vice president of consumer electronics, Paul Ryder.

"I think the category will continue to do better than the standard laptop category. It's still new, so I think it's going to grow faster," he said. RACHEL METZ (AP)

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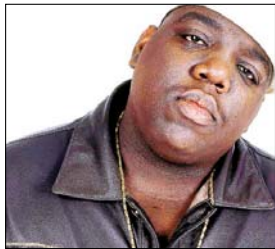
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FILM

Real Musicals

Film likes to romanticize things, so only time will tell whether "Notorious," the new biopic about rapper the Notorious B.I.G., recounts his story truthfully. But there's no doubt that cinema loves the hardscrabble lives of musicians. Roxana Hadadi picks her five favorite musical biopics. | COMING UP



SOUND BETS

Born to Write

Bruce Springsteen is known for his rousing anthems, but some of his best works are intimate character studies. His latest song — the title track of the film "The Wrestler" — is no exception, and it inspired Christopher Porter to choose the five best portraits painted by the Boss. | ONLINE NOW

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

ARE VIRGINIANS BEING SHAFTED BY ALL THE ROAD CLOSINGS FOR THE INAUGURATION?

YES 68%

NO 32%



"The world does not revolve"

around Virginia. Let them get out of their big cars and walk for a change. It will do them good."

COMMENTER FRANK, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "ARE VIRGINIANS BEING SHAFTED BY ALL THE ROAD CLOSINGS FOR THE INAUGURATION?"

"Fine, close off"

automobile access to D.C. by shutting down the bridges, but closing the highways is excessive. Some people still have to work on Inauguration Day."

COMMENTER REDDOG, WHO ADDED, "GETTING AROUND WILL BE A NIGHTMARE, TO SAY NOTHING OF [ANY] EMERGENCY THAT DAY."

"No, they are not"

been shafted. They are being spared the joy of sitting in traffic, blowing their horns, stinking up the air and tearing up our roads, bridges and streets."

COMMENTER GREG, WHO ADDED, "YOU DO THIS EVERY DAY. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US A BREAK AND WALK?"

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Blog LOG

"I was a sweaty, aching mess. But it felt awesome. So, watch out, thugs: When Master Yoda finishes with me, you mess with me, I kill you."

FARMFRESHMEAT.COM JUST SIGNED UP FOR A KRAV MAGA MARTIAL ARTS CLASS, ADDING, "I WAS PRETTY CONVINCED I HAD ACCIDENTALLY JOINED THE MARINES AND WAS AT BOOT CAMP."



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"I'M SURPRISED THAT toilet-related injuries outnumbered chain saws (13,458) so dramatically. I suppose people are more cautious when operating a chain saw than when installing a toilet."

MEANLOUISE.COM, WHO BEGAN INVESTIGATING BIZARRE ACCIDENTS UPON HEARING ABOUT THE RISE OF SHARK ATTACKS IN AUSTRALIA RECENTLY, WAS TAKEN ABACK AFTER STUDYING THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION'S RANKINGS.

Discussions

Fitness Solutions

Post fitness writers **VICKY HALLETT** and **HOWARD SCHNEIDER** were online Tuesday and talked about what kind of shoes are best for the gym, morning versus nighttime workouts and burning calories.

I just started going to the gym, and after a couple workouts I realized I need new sneakers. I will usually be going to the aerobic classes (cardio kickboxing, step etc.) rather than "free" workouts. What is the best type of sneaker for this? Tennis shoes and cross-trainers are built for the side-to-side motion you'll encounter in aerobics, so shop for those. Don't get running shoes, which aren't designed for aggressive lateral motion.

I've started to go to the gym in the morning before work. I'll have a banana on the way (so that I don't faint on the treadmill), and I'll run a few miles. Just curious: Does this workout produce better fat-burning results because I do it in the morning, or would it be the same if I did it in the evening? I have not seen anything definitive. If there is any morning "edge" in fat burning, it is probably minimal. The chief determinant of which fuel your body turns to is the level of intensity of the workout. It takes longer for the body to oxidize fat, so as workouts become more intense — and energy has to be delivered more quickly — it turns more to stored glycogen and other sources to supply it.

If I eat 800 calories too much one day (say, four of my husband's home-baked peanut butter cook-

ies), I will gain 2 pounds two days later. How come it never takes 3,500 extra calories to gain one pound? The numbers talked about in this regard need to be looked at long term. Day-to-day calorie fluctuations occur on their own — based on retained water, how much you have been working out, etc. Do those 2 pounds hang around permanently? If so, then there is probably more than one day's worth of peanut butter cookies involved. Look at the trend. Are you hovering around a certain weight or steadily going up?

What are the best foods for a nice complexion?

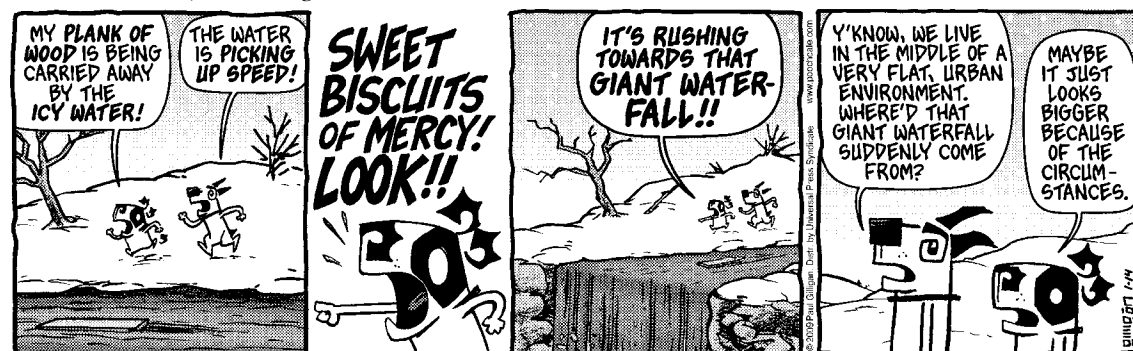
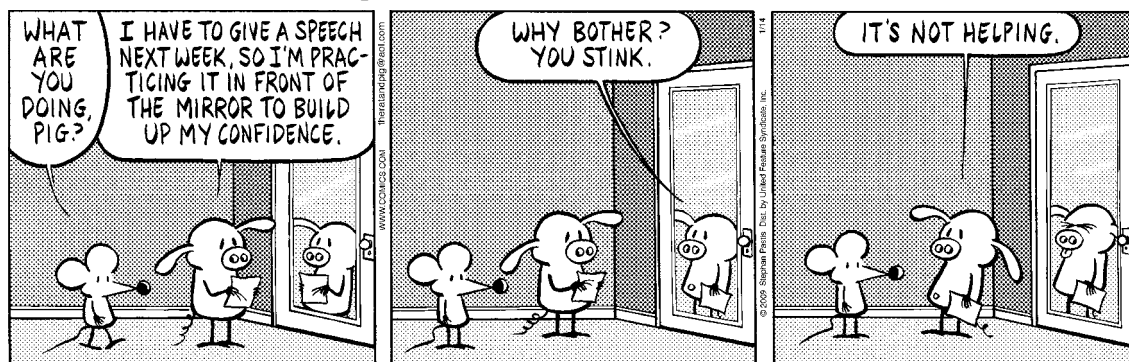
Take a peek at the "Better Skin Diet" from iVillage.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post food critic Tom Sietsema answers your questions, about Washington dining at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

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"It's important to believe in yourself – even when the jury doesn't."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although not usually so forthcoming with unsolicited opinions, it's likely to be difficult for you to keep your thoughts to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 1) Compromise may be ahead. If you insist on only what you want, and nothing but, then you must be ready to go without.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What begins as a dream may well be a genuine ambition before the day is out — but trust in a friend to help you achieve it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're willing to take the lead at all times, but know when it is wiser and more profitable to play a supporting role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When someone else goes to the trouble of explaining how things really are, you don't want to behave as if you've never heard what was said.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you seek

is a common goal for many, but you may actually have a leg up on the competition. A quick start yields much.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let your own ego get in the way. You needn't part with reality as you assess your own talents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Quiet time spent with loved ones can prove valuable, especially after you finish putting the final touches on a long-standing project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You won't think kindly of anyone who tries to stand in your way. Make your desires known outright, and no one should.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're going to want to wait another day or two before making a key decision that will affect others as well as yourself for some time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You see yourself as perhaps more important at this time than you really are. Alter your behavior before someone puts you in your place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can be a part of a team that does something remarkable, or you can insist on going it alone and accomplishing much less.

Letters

Israel Story Was Biased

I AM UPSET AT the bias in the article "Violence Mars Anti-Israel Protests" (Jan. 11). Express didn't report on any peaceful protests in the Middle East or the one here in D.C. last Sunday. Also, the definition of "violence" is skewed. Utter-

ing anti-American and anti-Israeli statements is no more violent than the anti-Arab ones said at pro-Israel protests. "Anger" is the appropriate word — and I understand that there is anger on both sides. The use of "anti-Israeli" instead of "anti-war" is also curious. Perhaps you should place the pro-Israeli protests under the same scrutiny.

—ARISHA ASHRAF
Fairfax, Va.

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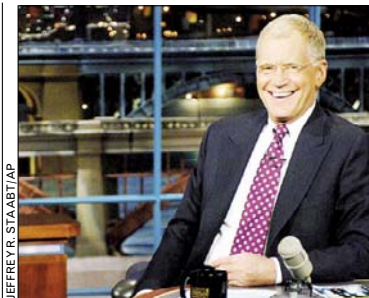
Today in History

1784 The United States ratifies a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

1963 George C. Wallace is sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

1969 Twenty-seven people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise are killed when a rocket warhead explodes, setting off a fire and additional explosions that rip through the ship off Hawaii.

1970 Diana Ross and the Supremes perform their



David Letterman moved to CBS in 1993.

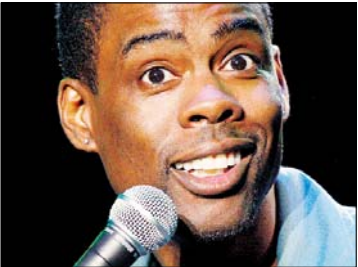
last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

1993 Talk show host David Letterman announces he is moving from NBC to CBS.

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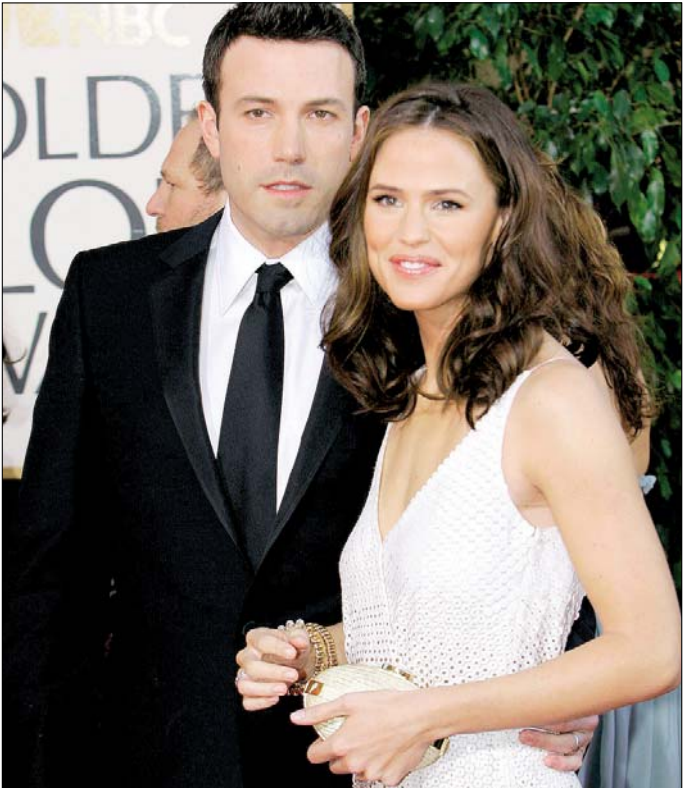
His delivery is solid, even in paperback.

MULTI-TALENTED
'Doesn't Matter Whether I Say It or Write It: It's Funny'
CHRIS ROCK is making a comeback — as an author. Grand Central Publishing says Rock's new book — not yet titled — will be full of "comedic observations." It's tentatively scheduled for release next year. His book "Rock This!" was published in 1997. (AP)

EXPECTATIONS
Infant Son Feels Pressure To Top Dad's Role as Che
It's a baby boy named Lazaro for Mexican actor **GAEL GARCIA BERNAL** and Argentine actress Dolores Fonzi. Garcia Bernal has starred in movies such as "Amores Perros," "The Motorcycle Diaries" and "Babel." (AP)

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CHALLENGES
Name That Tot
JENNIFER GARNER and **BEN AFFLECK** have been playing that game this week in which celebrities pick anything-but-common names for their children. Nothing like, say, Benjamin. Or Jennifer. They announced that their second daughter, who was born Jan. 6, is named Seraphina Rose. The couple's older daughter is Violet Anne. We get it — flowers and angels are the couple's themes of choice. (EXPRESS)

WHINE
Her Lips Are Moving, but All We Hear Is 'Wah, Wah, Wah'
LIL KIM is not happy about the way she's portrayed in the biopic about late rapper the Notorious B.I.G. Biggie was Lil Kim's mentor, and the two were also romantically linked. Their sometimes-rocky relationship is depicted-



"I like to honor his memory by complaining."
ed in the new movie "Notorious," in theaters Friday, but Lil Kim doesn't think it's very accurate. In a statement, she said: "The film studio was more concerned about painting me as a 'character' to create an interesting story line instead of a person." (AP)

SAVED
Mandel Offers God a Deal
HOWIE MANDEL is out of the hospital and plans to return to work Wednesday. Mandel was in Toronto taping his new show "Howie Do It!" when he was taken to the hospital for an irregular heartbeat Monday, said Lewis Kay, publicist for the 53-year-

old comedian and game show host. Mandel was conscious and breathing when police officers responded to a report of a man with a medical condition at a hotel Monday evening. (AP)

SPEED
Already? You've Been Famous for Just 5 Minutes
According to People magazine, new "American Idol" judge **KARA DIOGUARDI** is engaged. DioGuardi's boyfriend, Mike McCuddy, popped the question in December. We'd like to congratulate Kara — she holds the record for fastest rise to "we care about you" status. (EXPRESS)

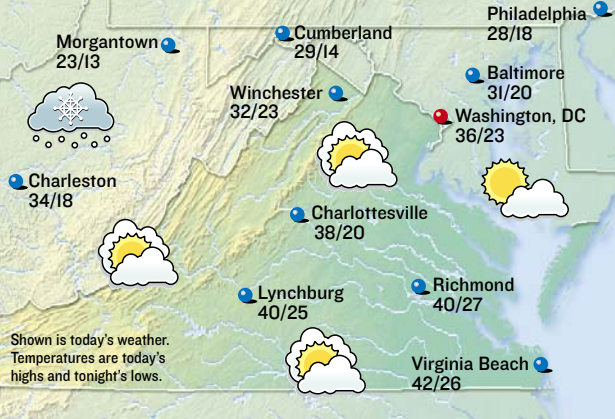


What we know: She's the lucid to Paula's blurry, and she's getting hitched.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | | |
| Sunny to partly cloudy | Overcast and very cold; breezy late | Partly sunny, windy and cold | Mostly sunny and very cold | Partly sunny; breezy, not as cold | Cloudy |
| 36° | 23° | 32° / 15° | 22° / 17° | 33° / 29° | 34° / 27° |

Regional Weather



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.
Temperature
High 38°
Low 29°
Normal high 42°
Normal low 27°
Average humidity 74%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 2.02"
Normal month to date 1.37"
Year to date 2.02"
Last year to date 0.56"
Normal year to date 1.37"

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Regional Forecast

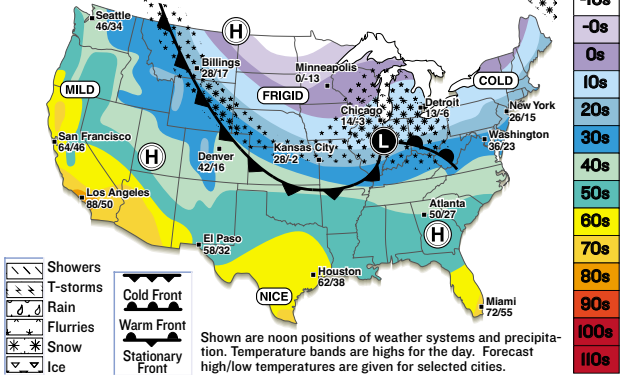
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 36. Wind northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, cloudy, cold. Low 23. Wind south 8-16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:09 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:40 p.m.
Moonset today 9:34 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, January 14



National Cities

| City | Today | Thur. |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Atlanta | Hi/Low 50/27/s | 38/16/s |
| Boston | 24/10/s | 20/4/sn |
| Chicago | 14/-3/sn | 3/-8/pc |
| Dallas | 61/30/s | 38/24/pc |
| Denver | 42/16/c | 41/23/pc |
| Honolulu | 80/74/pc | 80/74/sh |
| Los Angeles | 88/50/s | 85/50/s |
| Miami | 72/55/pc | 70/51/pc |
| New York City | 26/15/s | 26/9/sn |
| Orlando | 62/37/s | 62/35/s |
| Seattle | 46/34/pc | 48/34/pc |

World Cities

| City | Today | Thur. |
|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Amsterdam | Hi/Low 41/34/r | 39/34/pc |
| Athens | 59/52/r | 63/53/c |
| Berlin | 38/28/pc | 33/23/pc |
| Buenos Aires | 84/73/pc | 90/73/pc |
| Calgary | 34/23/sn | 42/28/s |
| Dublin | 45/41/r | 48/41/sh |
| Geneva | 39/27/pc | 43/30/s |
| Moscow | 28/23/sf | 27/21/sn |
| Rome | 54/43/sh | 50/41/sh |
| Sydney | 88/74/s | 92/67/pc |
| Tokyo | 50/43/s | 49/41/s |

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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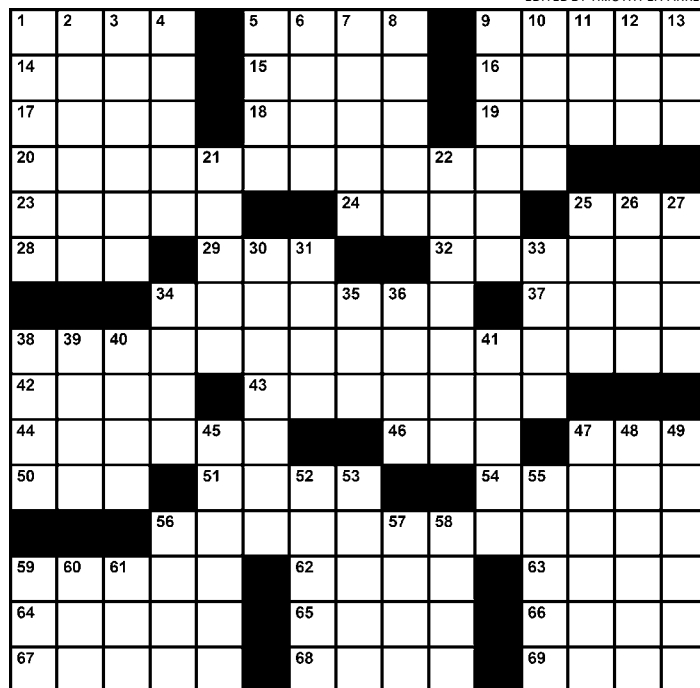
- 1 Like most students at Gallaudet University
5 Sore souvenir
9 Single piece of information
14 Bandleer rounds
15 The Kinks hit
16 Degrade
17 Knowledgeable about
18 Big game?
19 Post by the stairs
20 What we all arrive in
23 Do a detention chore
24 Blockhead
25 High society accessory
28 Word with "Rio" or "Mar"
29 Mornings, for short
32 Model constructors, at times
34 Voltage converter
37 Midwife's action
38 Pre-opening night performances
42 Druidic worship sites
43 Lecturer
44 Twist suddenly
46 Far Eastern money
47 Anonymous litigant
50 Old uncle in a Stephen Foster tune
51 Dunces
54 They may stem from joy or sorrow
56 Painful stinger
59 Lop off

DOWN

- 62 Air
63 RCA's victrola, for one
64 "Sacro" addition
65 "The check ____ the mail"
66 Opposite of at the bottom
67 Trumpet sound
68 After-hours
69 Gets some sun

DOWN

- 1 Painted amateurishly
2 "Star Wars" group
3 Ethically challenged
4 Type assortments
5 Motorless vehicle
6 Carbonated canful
7 Adhesive ingredient
8 Ezio Pinza, for one
9 Webster or Boone
10 Help a lawbreaker
11 Shooter's marble
12 Ultimate application
13 Voice of Bugs
21 Flip result, perhaps
22 Software improvement
25 First name in horror
26 Exam sans pencil
27 Sacred symbols at Thebes
30 Word with "field" or "fire"
31 Some houses are built on this
33 Russia was part of it
34 Gp. of professionals

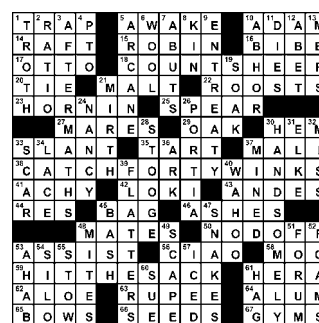


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- 35 Despite that, informally
36 Slithery
38 Blue
39 Far from plentiful
40 Just got by (with "out")
41 ____-wreck
45 Apply pressure
47 End of two state names
48 North in the West
49 Applies legal restraint
52 Thrash about

- 53 "The March King"
55 Dash and splash
56 Academic period
57 Subpoena or certiorari
58 Anne Boleyn's successor
59 Bro or sis
60 Right-angled wing
61 Airline ticket word

Yesterday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| 2 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 8 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 9 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 8 |

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| 4 | | 5 | | 9 | | | | |
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| | 6 | | 9 | 8 | | 7 | | |
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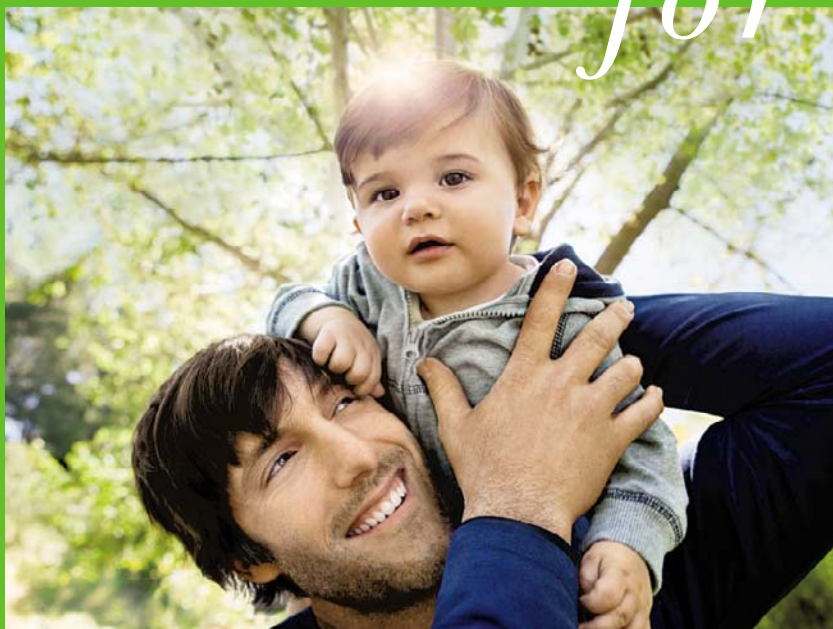
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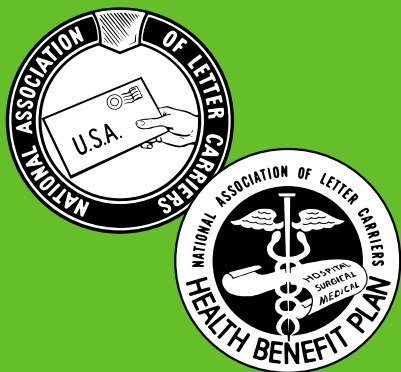


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